



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

Town Council Committee of the Whole

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Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Streeter called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson
Members Absent: Councilor O'Beirne, Jr. and Councilor Sheets

Also present was Town Manager Mark Oefinger.

3. Calendar and Communications

None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0188 Colonel Ledyard School Lease to City of Groton

Discussed

Staff noted that on April 21, 2009 the Town Council passed a resolution authorizing negotiations for the lease of the Colonel Ledyard School to the City of Groton/Groton Utilities. Enclosed in the agenda packet is the proposed lease. It was noted that the lease is modeled after the lease that was prepared concerning the Eastern Point School Property and Project LEARN. The initial term of the lease is 30 years and two 20 year options are provided for a total of 70 years. The proposed lease amount is \$1.00 per year. Considerable discussion took place with respect to what the City and/or Groton Utilities may be using the property for. Staff noted that he has had previous discussions with the Mayor over the last year concerning the City's potential use of this property and at this time it doesn't appear that a definitive future use has been identified. Potential uses that have been discussed include Parks and Recreation offices/programming space; Police Station relocation and/or back office for Groton Utility activities. Recently, there has been some discussion about the potential removal of the building and construction of a new facility. After additional discussion, the Town Manager was requested to seek additional information from the City Mayor concerning the potential reuse of this property and no action was taken on this item.

2010-0189 Alternative Funding and Restructuring of Library's Video Services

Discussed

Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger noted that this is a new referral and concerns the potential restructuring of the Library's Video Services to take advantage of an alternative funding source for a portion of its operations. Due to the nature of the funding source, the regulatory procedure that the Town would have to follow with the Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), and in light of the fact that the Town is an intervener in the mediation that is currently going on between the DPUC and SECT TV it is recommended that the Town Council go into executive session to discuss.

A motion was made by Mayor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that the members of the Town Council together with Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, Library Director, Betty Anne Reiter

and Municipal Video Specialist Shawn Greely, go into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §1-200 (6) (B) for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to the Town's participation in a pending claim and/or litigation before the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control bearing docket number 05-06-10RE01.

The motion carried unanimously

Discussed

The executive session concluded at 7:19 p.m. and the Committee of the Whole voted to authorize the Town Manager to submit an application to the DPUC for providing Community Access TV.

A motion was made by Councilor Watson, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Recommended for a Resolution.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Streeter, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Peruzzotti and Councilor Watson
Opposed: 1 - Councilor Johnson

The Mayor indicated that the Council could consider suspension of the rules of the September 7th Town Council meeting so as to add this item to the agenda.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.